



Welcome Financial Aid Counselors!

We will begin our training in a few moments. In the meantime, here are some hints for getting the most out of this web-training:

To hear the <u>AUDIO</u> portion of the training:	To ask <u>QUESTIONS</u> during the presentation:
1. Dial 1-866-826-6337 on your phone	1. Type your question in the <Send A Message> field located at the bottom of your screen
2. At the prompt, enter the pass code: 257212	2. Press the <ENTER> key on your keyboard
3. Press the # button	3. A response to your question will be provided in the chat window by CSAC staff.

Today's Trainer

Free Cash College

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Foster Youth Higher Education Challenges

- California's foster youth face many obstacles:
 - Lower than average attendance rates
 - Higher than average dropout rates
 - Loss of housing and benefits
 - Year round housing obstacles

What is a California Chafee Grant?

- Approximately \$8 million in federal funds awarded to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- CDSS has asked California Student Aid Commission to administer the program
- Offers education training vouchers of up to \$5000 per academic year

Why CSAC?

- Familiarity with unique programs
- Financial aid systems already in place
- Can answer other financial aid related questions

Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Foster Youth who:
 - Are a minimum age of 16 and who have not reached their 22nd birthday by July 1, 2003
 - Were eligible for Chafee Independent Living Program Services between their 16th and 18th birthday.
- With financial need
 - Certified by the school
 - Up to the Cost of Education, not to exceed \$5000

Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Title IV Eligible School
 - Participates in Federal Pell Grant Program
- Minimum half-time enrollment
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Must have financial need
- Program length of at least one year
- Can attend a school outside of California

Basic Eligibility Requirements

- No Other Title IV Requirements
 - No Selective Service requirement
 - Student does not have to meet Title IV ability to benefit (ATB) requirements
 - Student does not have to be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
 - Can be in default on a loan and/or owe a grant repayment

Additional Facts

- Grants will be awarded for this year (2003/04) using 2003/04 year data.
- Chafee funds for California residents can be used at college outside of California.
- Out of state residents attending college in California are also eligible for Chafee funding.

Additional Facts

- Chafee Grant funds will be treated as a financial aid award. Therefore, other non-grant aid, such as loans and work study, may have to be reduced.
- Chafee Grant funding is intended to supplement, not supplant, any grant funds that a student is otherwise entitled to receive.
- Disbursement checks will be sent to the college of attendance.

Application Process

How does the Process Work?

- Three initial application components:
 - Student must appear on CDSS list
 - Student must file a 2003/04 FAFSA
 - Student must complete the Chafee application form
 - Complete on-line at www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
 - Submit printed form

What if a student is not on the CDSS list?

- CSAC will mail them an ILP Eligibility Certification Form
- ILP Coordinator will complete Section II and forward to CDSS for their authorization

Application Process (continued)

- After the initial application steps are completed:
 - Notification is sent to the student's school
 - School completes a Need Analysis Report on WebGrants
- When Need Analysis Report completed:
 - The student may receive an award based on their unmet financial need, up to the maximum award amount of \$5000.

Awarding and Disbursement

- For 2003/04 year, grants will be awarded on a first applied, first awarded basis. All students should be encouraged to get their application in as soon as possible.
- Checks will be released to the school but in the student's name.
- Since this year is so far along, the entire \$5,000 will be released all at once.

Student Questions

What are the attendance requirements?

Students must:

- Be enrolled in an eligible:
 - college or vocational school
 - course of study at least half time
 - course of study of a least one year
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

Specific Age Requirement

To be considered, a student must:

- ☐ have been in California foster care between their 16th and 18th birthday, and be identified as ILP eligible by the CDSS
- ☐ not have reached 22nd birthday as of July 1, 2003

Student Application

California Student Aid Commission
California Chafee Grant Program

<http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov>

Student Application

- The following information is needed so that your application may be considered for the foster youth California Grant Program.
- Awards in the amount of up to \$5,000 will be available for eligible foster youth to pursue and/or continue post-secondary education and training goals.

SSN:
Last Name: First Name: MI:
Address: Home Phone: ()
City: Work Phone: ()
State: Zip: E-Mail:
Replace any prior address? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)
Foster Care County:
School of Attendance: City: State:
Degree Goal: Educational Level:
Major:


Are you eligible to receive an emancipated foster youth stipend or independent living program (ILP) funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you completed a Free Application for Federal ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Welcome! SA0BKD
To the WebGrants System


Please contact your School's System Administrator if you need access to additional screens.

Options

- GPA
- Student Info
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Financial Need Analysis Report

- The following information is needed so an award amount can be determined for the Chafee Grant Program applicant.
- Awards in the amount of up to \$5,000 will be available for eligible foster youth to pursue and/or continue postsecondary education and training goals.
- Select a program from the drop-down selection and cost information for the program will populate.

School ID =
Acad Year =
Program Course =
Student ID =


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Financial Need Analysis Report

The following information is needed so an award amount can be determined for the Cal Grant Program applicant.
 Awards in the amount of up to \$5,000.00 will be available for eligible foster youth to pursue and/or continue postsecondary education and training goals.

School ID #: _____ Award Year: 2003 Program/Course #: _____

School Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____ First Name: _____ DOB: _____
 Last Name: _____ MI: _____

Living Arrangements: ☐ On Campus ☐ Off Campus ☐ With Relatives

Expected Enrollment (minimum 12 time): ☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Spring ☐ Summer
 Academic Year Term: ☐ Semester ☐ Quarter

Total Cost of Attendance: _____

Tuition and Fees: _____ Books and Supplies: _____ Personal: _____
 Room and Board: _____ Transportation: _____ Other: _____

Expected Family Contribution: _____

Financial Need: _____

Expected Award for Academic Year 2003-2004:

Fell Grant: _____ SGO: _____ Cal Grant: _____
 Work Study: _____ Loans: _____ Tuition/Fee Waiver: _____
 Other: _____

Unmet Need: _____

Educational Level: _____
 Title IV eligible program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I declare under penalty of the laws of the State of California and of the United States that this form has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete.

☐ I agree

Name of Financial Aid Official: _____ Title of Financial Aid Official: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
 Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT PROGRAM (CCGP)
 MAIL TO: PO BOX 410029 • RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95741-0029

Why are many of the needs screens already filled in?

- CSAC used information from the student's Cal Grant records and the school's cost estimate data.
- If the budget you used is higher, add any additional amount in the "other" field.
- If your budget is lower, send in a paper needs analysis report to Specialized Programs

What if the student does not have an SSN?

- The Commission will send the school a paper Needs Analysis Report for completion.
- The school will perform a manual EFC calculation.

Can we still submit a Chafee need analysis report at this time?

- Yes!
- Initial notification gave a deadline but school reported need is still being accepted.

What if the student is already fully packaged?

- Schools can submit need for fully packaged students with the understanding that other non-grant aid will have to be reduced.
- Loans could be reduced by the school to allow Chafee eligibility.

Can the Grants be Renewed?

- Funds are available for the 2003-04 academic year and may be available for the 2004-05 academic year.
- If funding is approved:
 - Complete a 2004-05 FAFSA and
 - Chafee Grant Renewal Application
 - A priority deadline will be used.
 - At this time, a renewal application date has not been set.

How can I contact the Commission?

- **You can call:**

- (888) 224-7268 #3 8:00 to 5:00 Monday - Friday.

- **You can write:**

California Student Aid Commission
Specialized Programs
Attn: California Chafee Grant Program
P. O. Box 419029
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029

- **You can e-mail:**

- specialized@csac.ca.gov

- **You can visit our website at:**

- www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
